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Sir:

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All of the documents identified on the appended PTO-1449 form are listed in the appended International Search Report established in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/004176 of which this application is the U.S. national stage. The relevancy of the documents is shown in the International Search Report.

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